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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-95 in the application. In a previous preliminary amendment, the Applicants amended Claims 10-11, 13-14, 16, 23-24, 28-29, 34, 40-41, 43-44, 46, 53-54, 58-59, 64, 70-71, 73-74, 83-84, 88-89 and 91 to correct inadvertent grammatical errors. Additionally, the Applicants added Claims 96-101. In a previous response, the Applicants amended Claims 62-90 to correct informalities. In the present preliminary amendment, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 31, 61 and 91. Support for the amendment can be found in the original specification: on page 45, lines 7-10; on page 46, line 19 to page 47, line 15; on page 59, line 12 to page 60, line 3; and in Figures 4 and 8. No other claims have been amended, added or canceled in the present preliminary amendment. Accordingly, Claims 1-101 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-11, 21-22, 27, 31-41, 51-52, 57, 61-71, 81-82, 87, 91-95 and 97-101 under 35 U.S.C. §102

Previously, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-11, 21-22, 27, 31-41, 51-52, 57, 61-71, 81-82, 87, 91-95 and 97-101 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,112,183 to Swanson, *et al.* The Applicants believe that Swanson does not anticipate amended independent Claims 1, 31, 61 and 91. More specifically, the Applicants do not believe that Swanson teaches catching a message at an enterprise level, wherein the message was generated by a disparate, ancillary system at a sub-enterprise level using a set of content rules and the message conforms to a message standard. Additionally, the Applicants do not believe that Swanson teaches

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converting, at the enterprise level, content from the message to enterprise information using the content conversion rules, wherein the enterprise information is in an enterprise message defined by enterprise-specific messaging rules. On the contrary, Swanson appears to direct messages at a sub-enterprise level (*i.e.* a server level in Swanson) and convert message content at the server level. (*See* Examiner's Final Rejection, pages 2-4.) Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 1-11, 21-22, 27, 31-41, 51-52, 57, 61-71, 81-82, 87, 91-95 and 97-101 and allow issuance thereof.

II. Rejection of Claims 12-20, 23-26, 28-30, 42-50, 53-56, 58-60, 72-80, 83-86, 88-90 and 96 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Previously, the Examiner rejected Claims 12-20, 23-26, 28-30, 42-50, 53-56, 58-60, 72-80, 83-86, 88-90 and 96 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Swanson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,377,162 to Delestienne, *et al.* The Applicants believe that the cited combination does not render obvious amended independent Claims 1, 31, 61 and 91 and Claims dependent thereon. As mentioned above, Swanson appears to direct messages and convert messages at a server level (*see* Examiner's Final Rejection, pages 2-4), instead of operating on messages at an enterprise level. Additionally, Delestienne has been cited against the subject matter of the above dependent claims and does not appear to cure the deficiencies of Swanson regarding the amended independent Claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection of dependent Claims 12-20, 23-26, 28-30, 42-50, 53-56, 58-60, 72-80, 83-86, 88-90 and 96 and allow issuance thereof.

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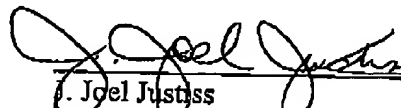
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-101.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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